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INTERIM BUDGET

High school rebate, emptier bus routes scrapped



Jeremy Nola's
Metro | Calgary

Students hitching a ride on the bus better lace up their shoes as it appears the city's public school board could soon require them to walk a great deal farther.

The switch to "congregated" community bus stops for all regular and alternative program students is one of a number of measures outlined in the Calgary Board of Education's interim 2015-16 budget that aim to keep annual transportation fees charged to parents flat at \$330.

But high schoolers riding Calgary Transit to school will be on the hook for more, as the previ-

ously offered \$19 monthly rebate to offset part of their bus pass costs is being abolished.

"I don't think that's fair at all," said Syameena Pillai, a student at Centennial High School, when informed of the removal.

She said that while her parents pay for her transit pass, she's aware of many peers who cover it out of their own pockets and then recoup some of their spent cash through the rebate.

"Students rely on the bus to get to school," she said. "If you raise the cost, you're going to have less attendance in class."

The CBE also wouldn't specify what a congregated bus stop model would look like and how far students would have to walk.

"We anticipate these questions will be answered at the board (of Trustees) meeting (Tuesday) when the interim budget is presented," the CBE said in a statement.

The board will also cut bus routes utilized by fewer than 15 students and adjust school start and end times to allow more shuttles to run multiple routes.

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If you raise the cost, you're going to have less attendance.

Syameena Pillai, student

Of course, the CBE's budget is only tentative, as it is anticipated the newly elected NDP government will funnel more money to classrooms in short order; however, it's believed that money will be directed to hiring more teachers and lowering fees for parents, not necessarily improving busing service.

Even still, Mike Stiles, assistant location and safety manager for bus provider First Student Canada, said his group is in a holding pattern. He hinted the original bus model, using the Tory budget figures, would have been less than ideal.

"It would have been quite a distance for them (students) to walk, for some," he said.

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Transit ridership rising

TRANSIT

Increase in riders despite economic downturn

 **Helen Pike**
Metro | Calgary

After cautiously keeping an eye on ridership through the tough months of Calgary's oil uncertainty, Calgary's transit director can breathe a little easier and celebrate a successful few months of ridership ahead of the service's initial budget predictions.

"We track our ridership pretty closely on a year-to-year basis, so one of our concerns with the downturn in the economy that we're not seeing is an impact to our ridership," said Doug Morgan, director of Calgary Transit.

Morgan said transit is seeing continued ridership growth — around 2 to 2.5 per cent over budget — which translates into about \$2 to \$4 million in revenue.

Calgary Transit budgeted for riders back in November of 2014 taking into account population growth, new service offerings and used those factors to "conservatively estimate" ridership.

"It is a substantial amount, but overall it's still a modest increase, a little bit less than we've been seeing in the past



Calgary Transit director Doug Morgan walks Metro through the new web page, with integrated real-time stop information.

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2-2.5%

The amount Calgary Transit is over budget, according to director Doug Morgan. This figure represents around \$2 to \$4 million in revenue.

years, but certainly we're still attracting riders even in an economic downturn," said Morgan.

He added Calgary Transit watches ridership carefully, aiming to right any issues it sees as soon as possible, to keep on track with its mandate to earn back 50 per cent of operation costs.

There are many factors going into Calgary Transit's ridership increase. One, which Morgan said is still being analyzed, could be transit routes in new communities.

Coun. Shane Keating said when two new bus routes to the city's southeast were announced his constituents were "elated."

Since then he hasn't heard a peep, positive or negative, which he said is a good thing.

Keating compares the ridership coming from Calgary's southeast as very close to the North Central line.

"Every time you increase transit service in the southeast the ridership is going to increase dramatically," said Keating.

"It is a marked response, the better service the more ridership."

Morgan was quick to note

the southeast bus routes have only been running since March, so it's still early to put a thumb on whether or not it's a factor in the ridership bump.

A report is being pulled together now, he said, but it takes time to see results when changes are put into place.

He added other factors coming into play for a ridership increase could be a boost in those purchasing low-income passes as well as those using debit or credit to buy fares on platforms.

MUSIC

'Music Mile' on 9

 **Anna Brooks**
Metro | Calgary

The lively corridor comprising 9 Avenue SE may soon be known as the "Music Mile."

Meg Van Rosendaal, advocate and supporter of arts and culture in Calgary, said from the Blues Can all the way to the National Music Centre, the Inglewood/Ramsay area seems to be the neighbourhood to go to for live music.

Collaborating with community partners and establishments along the strip, Van Rosendaal said there seems to be unanimous agreement that 9 Avenue should be dubbed the "Music Mile."

"Organically from the street up it's really become a hub for live music," Van Rosendaal. "It's just an astonishing amount of music and surprisingly, all along one strip ... we're looking at how we can celebrate what's here and build on those assets to make it a really great Calgary attraction."

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra said among other projects in the East Village area, such as saving the former King Edward Hotel, having a Music Mile would be a great addition to all the music-related endeavours happening in Calgary's southeast.

"The patrons, owners and communities along that route are talking about celebrating and building on that momentum, and I'm excited to see what emerges."

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City's plan to limit liquor stores lacks teeth: Group

BUSINESS

Still, others question if booze sales are a real problem



Robson Fletcher
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Calgary has seen an explosion of liquor stores since Alberta privatized the sale of alcohol in 1993, according to a city report, with the number of retail outlets shooting up from 25 to more than 340 today.

"I remember how crazy it was back in '93. Everyone and their dog was opening up a liquor store," said Alison Karim-McSwiney, executive director of the International Avenue BRZ, an organization that has recently fought to stop about a half dozen more stores from opening up in the Forest Lawn area.

A new proposal to further limit the ability for new stores to open in areas already saturated with retail liquor sales is being considered by city council this week, and while Karim-McSwiney said it "couldn't hurt" the BRZ's efforts, it really won't amount to much as written.

"I don't think this goes far enough," she said of the proposal, which would effectively tie city planners' hands when it comes to relaxing the proximity rules for liquor-store applications.

Since 2003, the city has mandated a minimum 300-metre separation between liquor stores and a 150-metre separation between schools and liquor



There are more than 13 times as many liquor stores in Calgary today than there were before liquor sales were privatized in 1993, according to a city report. METRO FILE

stores, but these rules didn't apply to certain areas, including downtown and "regional commercial" properties.

Individual applicants could also ask the city to have the rules relaxed for a particular development, but the proposed new bylaw would limit the amount of relaxation to 10 per cent. That would effectively create a hard proximity limit of 270 metres between existing liquor stores and new ones, and

135 metres between new liquor stores and schools.

The number of liquor stores per capita in Calgary has increased, city staff note in a report to council, but not

everyone is convinced that represents a true "proliferation" of booze sales in Calgary.

Beverly Jarvis of the Urban Development Institute, an advocacy group for the local

development industry, noted comparing stores per capita is not the best measure and suggested comparing square footage of liquor-store retail space to population would be more appropriate.

"The government-run liquor stores were generally substantially larger than the typical liquor store that would make up the store count in the current analysis," she said in a written submission to council. "The majority of liquor stores built since privatization are a fraction of the size of the old ALCB (Alberta Liquor Control Board) outlets."

But Karim-McSwiney said there is "a very significant amount of research" suggesting an overabundance of liquor outlets in close proximity "puts a community a bit at risk."

"It's the clutter of the signs and just the image it portrays," she said. "And frankly, we're revitalizing the (Forest Lawn) community, so for us it's very important that we have a variety of stores and not a proliferation of stores that our community feels is not beneficial."

She wished council would go further in updating its rules.

"Some communities should be able to opt out (of new liquor stores altogether) if they have reasons on why it's important not to have any more of if they can prove that there is proliferation that has happened," she said. "I think that would have been a better bylaw."



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Alison Karim-McSwiney, executive director of the International Avenue BRZ

EDUCATION

Full-day kindergarten, 40 teaching jobs at risk

Full-day kindergarten and dozens of diverse teaching positions are on the chopping block if Calgary Catholic is forced to stick with the heavily criticized 2015 education budget introduced by the Tory government.

But that's a big if. Last week, the PC dynasty was toppled by the Alberta NDP, who, among other things, have pledged to put money back into schools to cover student growth and aid with reducing ballooning class sizes.

Time is not on their side, however, as Alberta school boards typically submit their final 2015-16 operating budgets for provincial approval by the end of May.

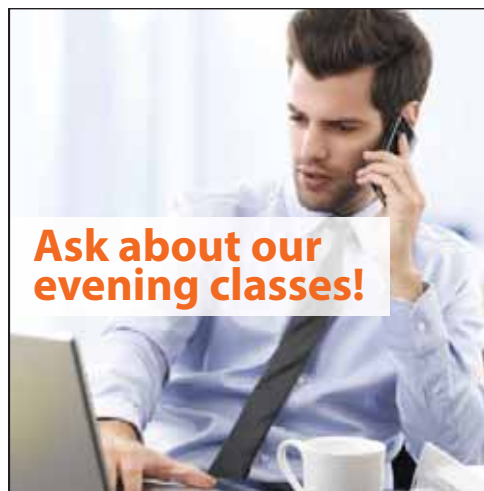
The Calgary Catholic School District has outlined an interim budget using the budget guidelines specified by the Tories, which didn't factor in growth and cut into grants for vulnerable students.

John Deausy, the district's chief financial officer, said the organization was left with a \$16.5-million hole, one that would lead them to remove the full-day kindergarten programs it offers in 25 schools and more than 50 classrooms. As well, no jobs would be lost, but 40 diverse-learning teachers, which are generally put in schools with a high population of English Language Learners and First Nations students, would be reassigned.

In an interview Monday, however, Deausy couldn't say definitively whether there was time for Notley to reverse those changes for the coming school year.

"We can be pretty nimble with things," he said. "It's easier to add back than it is to take away."

The NDP has said it hopes to introduce full-day kindergarten across the province in time but said it would work with school boards to finalize plans — and free up space — for such offerings. JEREMY NOLAN/METRO



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Late notice of missing notebooks worries expert

CPS

Public security at risk after theft of police documents



Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

"Disturbing" was one word a civil liberties expert used when learning the Calgary police had withheld the loss of personal information of up to 400 citizens in their search for a patrol rifle stolen back in April.

Five notebooks containing information such as birth dates, home addresses and driver's licences are still missing after they were stolen out of an off-duty officer's vehicle parked at Schanks in Crowfoot Crossing, along

with a patrol rifle, on April 4. Until Monday, it wasn't public information that the notebooks were missing.

CPS spokesman Kevin Brookwell explained the missing notebooks were deemed "holdback evidence" and were a critical part of police investigations in recovering the stolen rifle.

"We were aware the notebooks were taken that night," Brookwell said. "By us holding back information, we received information specific to those notebooks that allowed us to recover the rifle."

Sarah Burton, lawyer and research associate for the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, said while withholding information from the public is required for certain investigations, in this case she's not so sure.

"Given the extent and nature of the personal information that was stolen, I find it quite disturbing that affect-

ed persons and/or the public were not made aware of the notebook theft earlier," Burton said. "Earlier notice could have allowed people to better protect themselves against the fraud and identity theft police are now warning about."

Brookwell said now that it's been made public that the notebooks have been missing for more than a month, police are in the process of contacting the 350 to 400 people they believe could face personal security breaches.

Brookwell said they are trying to recreate the notebooks — which span the officer's dealings with members of the public from November 2013 to October 2014 — as part of the ongoing investigation.

He added that while police are confident holding back the notebooks was the best decision in recovering the rifle, it will be difficult regaining the trust of the public.



CPS is investigating the disappearance in April of five police-issued notebooks like the one pictured. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Cocaine, fentanyl seized in Canmore raid
Canmore and Kananaskis RCMP executed a search warrant Saturday at a Canmore residence, uncovering a slew of drugs including cocaine and fentanyl.

According to an RCMP news release, two men and one woman were found in the residence with evidence of drug trafficking and were arrested.

Darcy Gordon Humphries and Michael Patrick Cunningham both face drugs charges. The woman was released without charge. METRO

Two undeclared guns seized at border

A man crossing into Canada at the Carway border crossing had his car searched by Canada Border Services Agency officers, who found two undeclared handguns stowed beneath a mattress in a hidden compartment of a trailer.

Peter Joseph Jennings, 24, from Oregon, has been charged. METRO



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Police say organized crime groups have been sending the potentially deadly drug Fentanyl through British Columbia to Alberta and Saskatchewan using hidden compartments in vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO/ALBERTA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TEAMS (ALERT)

Fentanyl source is rooted in Asia

ALERT

Powder made into pills in Canada



Morgan Modjeski
Metro|Calgary

Street oxy, green beans, green apples and the green monster.

These are just some of the names given to the nefarious street drug Fentanyl and law enforcement officials say the illicit substance is likely making its way to Canada from across the Pacific Ocean.

Over the last year, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) have seized more than 20,000 Fentanyl pills and ALERT spokesman Mike Tucker said their information indicates the source isn't local.

"Fentanyl is not being produced here in the sense of a powder," said Tucker. "It's a very complex chemical process required to produce the drug (and) our

information suggests that it's manufactured in labs overseas — most likely China.

"That's not to suggest that it's not being packaged here or pressed into pills here, but much in the same way as cocaine, its being imported into the country."

Extremely potent and often deadly, Fentanyl can be prescribed legally to treat severe pain, but poses serious problems on the street as the lethal synthetic opioid analgesic is 100 times more toxic than morphine.

Tucker said while its possible Fentanyl is being manufactured here in Canada — even here in Calgary — to-date, ALERT has not seen any evidence to indicate that's the case.

"Based on the complexity involved in the manufacturing process, you would need a medical grade (or) university grade lab equipment to produce Fentanyl itself," he said.

Tucker said the Fentanyl being sold on Alberta streets is likely connected to organized crime and a network spreading far beyond global borders.

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Mike Tucker of ALERT

"When you talk about cells in Calgary, just because they may be selling drugs that are connected to overseas and global gangs, doesn't mean that they necessarily have those connections."

A statement sent to Metro from the Canada Border Services Agency explained they are working to stop the flow of illegal substances, but notes there are challenges.

"The Canada Border Services Agency works closely with its domestic and international law enforcement partners to keep dangerous drugs and narcotics, such as fentanyl, from reaching our communities," said the statement. "As smugglers are increasingly utilizing more sophisticated concealment methods."

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Brian Jean holds first caucus meeting

WILDROSE

Leader said opposing NDP won't be easy

Leader Brian Jean has told Wildrose members of the legislature it's going to be tough being the official Opposition against an NDP government.

Speaking at the party's first caucus meeting in Edmonton, Jean said it will be important to find common ground with premier-designate Rachel Notley's New Democrats.

He said the Wildrose will not stoop to fearmongering. Jean instead urged his caucus to stand on the party's principles and ideals.

The Wildrose won 21 seats in last week's provincial elec-

tion in which voters threw out the Progressive Conservatives after 44 years in power.

Jean's party had gone into the election with only five seats after 11 caucus members, including former leader Danielle Smith, crossed the floor to the governing Tories late last year.

"We have an ideological government on one side that is clearly far to the left and we

are not that far. What we have to do is make sure that as a caucus of 21 we fight every single day very, very hard in this (legislature) to make sure that our ideas are heard and that Albertans' priorities are fought for," Jean said Monday.

"It has to be done based on good logic, good argument, and that will get us the trust of Albertans in the future."

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Wildrose Party leader Brian Jean THE CANADIAN PRESS

PC INTERIM LEADER

Albertans 'afraid' of NDP says Ric McIver

Jeremy Nola
Metro | Calgary

Hours after being named the interim leader of Alberta's battered Progressive Conservative Party, Calgary-Hays MLA Ric McIver pledged he and a heavily reduced contingent of legislature colleagues will work to "protect" the province from "bad things happening."

McIver's appointment comes less than a week after previous leader Jim Prentice bowed out with his party on its way to a crushing defeat.

All told, the PCs will now have just 10 — possibly 11 — seats in the legislature and will form the third party.

But McIver was adamant there's still a place for the party that ruled the province for more than four decades.

He said constituents he's spoken to fear the new NDP government will take aim at the energy industry and disrupt a "competitive tax regime" that currently exists in the province.

"People are afraid," McIver told reporters. "Everyone wants to support their family, their children, their grandchildren and some are afraid that's going to be more difficult now."

He wouldn't speculate on whether he would seek to become the party's official leader down the road. McIver

PC interim leader Ric McIver
THE CANADIAN PRESS

also sidestepped questions about Prentice's speedy exit, one that he announced while some of the votes in his Calgary-Foothills constituency were still being counted.

Prentice did win the riding, meaning his departure will now force a third election in Foothills in less than a year's time.

McIver faced repeated questions about the surprise exit, but he said most could only be answered by the outgoing leader.

"Albertans can have their opinion, but I can tell you his goal, his intention, in my opinion, is to have Alberta be the best it can be going forward," McIver said. "As is mine, as is every member of our caucus."



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Parking officer finds bag with \$5K

LOST AND FOUND

Gucci satchel and contents reunited with grateful owner



Robson Fletcher
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Michel Brouillette walks about 20 kilometres a day as a foot-patrol enforcement officer with the Calgary Parking Authority, so he sees a lot of unusual things downtown.

But few things caught him by surprise like the leather bag full of an estimated \$5,000 in cash that he randomly spotted during a shift last month.

Brouillette almost missed the satchel, sitting alone on a chair of the same colour, when he went to get a Coke inside the Centennial Place building.

"There's this black bag but what caught my eye was the lettering — it said 'Gucci Collection,'" Brouillette recalled. "So I'm thinking, 'What the heck?' because there's nobody around."

Naturally, he did what anyone would do in this situation.

"So I take it to the table where I'm going to sit and I open it up," he said. "And there's a whole bunch of twenties and fifties."

What he did next, well, that was not quite as common a reaction to the surprise discovery of thousands of dollars in cash.

Brouillette found a B.C. driver's licence in the bag and



Michel Brouillette works as an enforcement officer with the Calgary Parking Authority, doing foot patrols for illegally parked vehicles downtown. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

brought everything to the building's security desk to check if the name in the wallet matched anyone who worked in the building, but it didn't.

He then left the matter in the hands of the security guards — he had a shift to continue, after all — but gave them his contact information.

Later, they called to say that within an hour, they'd tracked down the owner of the bag, who hurried over to collect his cash.

And while some people may have at least entertained the thought of quietly walking away

with such a lucrative find, Brouillette said it never crossed his mind to help himself to the cash.

"You've got to do the right thing," he said. "As soon as I saw the ID, the first thing that came to mind was to go down to security."

As for why a man with a B.C. driver's licence would leave a Gucci bag with thousands of dollars in twenty- and fifty-dollar bills alone in a downtown Calgary highrise?

"Your guess is as good as mine," Brouillette said.

IN BRIEF

Eatery to close its doors

After nearly two decades on 17 Avenue SW, Brava Bistro will be closing its doors, with owners considering a new project.

The final plate will be served at the end of May and the owners, who envisioned bringing a sophisticated dining concept to the Calgary food scene 17 years ago, are cooking up a whole new concept.

Well-known local industry pros chef Andrea Harling and Brava manager Dewey Noordhof won't be continuing with the Brava project, so fans of their food and the overall dining experience are invited down to come see them one last time. METRO

POLITICS

Advocates see upside to young MLAs



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

As some question the qualifications of Alberta's newest and youngest MLAs, advocates for youth participation in politics say the crop has the potential to shake up the legislature.

Jeff Chase, the civic chair with Edmonton's Next Gen Committee, said he's excited about the handful of young MLAs elected last week.

"It says something quite significant that Albertans have voted for these people. It says something about the

perspective we're willing to have," he said.

The youngest MLA in the new Alberta legislature will be 20-year-old Thomas Dang from Edmonton — Southwest. But several other new MLAs in the legislature will be under 30. Indeed, the average age of an MLA has tumbled to 40.

Chase said age shouldn't be a determining factor for success, noting that city council has young faces around its table.

"There is a lot of really successful young people in government. You can look as close as our mayor or some of our councillors."

Woman gives birth on flight to Tokyo

AIR CANADA

'Something just slipped out of me'



It started out as a stomach ache.

A little more than 10 hours later, and 35,000 feet up in the air, Ada Guan gave birth to a baby she wasn't expecting.

The 23-year-old was on a flight from Calgary to Tokyo with her boyfriend of nearly nine months, Wes Branch. She'd been sick throughout, and the pain was getting worse.

Branch recalled holding his partner's hand as she breathed through waves of agony.

"All of a sudden she said, 'Something just slipped out of me. I think it was a baby. I think it's dead,'" Branch said, recalling the sunken feeling in the pit of his stomach.

Then, he heard the youngest belt out its first cry.

"I passed right out," he said, reached in Japan by phone Tuesday. "I hit the floor super quick."

Their plane, Air Canada Flight AC009, was awarded a priority landing at Narita airport in Japan. Images of the two gripping their little girl, who they've named Chloe, were making the rounds through international media outlets on Monday.

"It's a little overwhelming," Branch said. "We didn't plan this. We always use protection. But I'm going to do everything I can to take care of my family."

Just weeks prior, Guan, who was originally from Calgary



Ada Guan, formerly of Calgary, caring for her newborn baby Chloe, who was delivered aboard an Air Canada flight from Calgary to Tokyo on Sunday. COURTESY WES BRANCH

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Wes Branch, father of newborn baby Chloe

but recently moved to Victoria to be with Branch, had taken a pregnancy test and it came back negative. She maintains she had no idea that she was carrying someone else on board the Air Canada flight.

In a tweet, the airline declared "Happy #Mothersday! We wish mother and daughter

well as they arrived in Tokyo safe and sound on AC009 today."

Branch was pressed for time when reached early Tuesday in Japan. But when asked how his new family was faring in the care of hospital workers in Japan, he said, "They're healthier than ever."

VICTORIA DAY

Province warns of fire risk

Alberta is urging campers and drivers of off-highway vehicles to be extra careful not to spark wildfires on the upcoming Victoria Day long weekend.

The fire risk in much of the backcountry already ranges from moderate to high due to dry conditions, wind and rising temperatures.

Janelle Lane, an Alberta Environment spokeswoman, said the risk could get worse if weather forecasts hold.

"In places where the grass is dry and brown and dead —

In places where the grass is dry and brown and dead ... there is a high wildfire hazard.

Janelle Lane, Alberta Environment spokeswoman

it hasn't turned green yet — there is a high wildfire hazard there," she said Monday. "If we don't get some mois-

ture and rain, we will be going into the May long weekend at a very high wildfire hazard."

She said ATV drivers should check their vehicles for build-ups of grass and other debris that could catch fire.

The province plans to have about 500 firefighters on standby this weekend along with a fleet of helicopters. People can check albertafirebans.ca for the latest wildfire conditions and fire restrictions across the province.

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IN BRIEF

Albertastan comrades, your shirt is ready

After federal justice minister Peter MacKay joked that Alberta had become "Albertastan" by electing an NDP government, Laura Lynn Johnston knew it was time to make another shirt.

The Edmonton graphic artist designed a logo of Albertastan, poking fun at MacKay's rib and also our city, and arranged for a local company to manufacture her shirt.

What she didn't anticipate was that her shirt would be a hit. "It was pretty shocking the response that I have got over the last few days," Johnston said.

She said she's thankful to friends and family for helping manufacture and distribute the shirts.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO EDMONTON

Province pushing ahead with prevention program as overdose deaths spike

The province is working "flat-out" to get an overdose prevention program up and running as the rate of fentanyl overdose deaths continues to rise.

The province's chief medical examiner has determined that fentanyl, an opioid painkiller, was a factor in 50 deaths in just the first two months of 2015.

The drug claimed 120 lives in 2014, but just four years ago only six people died of similar overdoses.

Just before the provincial election, the government announced plans to spend \$300,000 on a naloxone program. Naloxone is a drug that can be injected into a person experiencing an opioid overdose, which mitigates the affect of the drug and can save lives.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO EDMONTON



Mayor Naheed Nenshi wore a Calgary Flames jersey to council Monday, but he'll have to wear a Ducks jersey soon to settle his bet with the mayor of Anaheim. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Start practicing your scales, Nenshi

HOCKEY

Mayor lost his musical bet with Anaheim counterpart



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, admittedly nervous, deferred paying off his NHL playoff bet with Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait on Monday, saying he needed more time to acquire what

he needs to make good on their wager.

Specifically, he needs an Anaheim Ducks jersey and a lot more vocal practice.

As part of his bet with his California counterpart on the second-round playoff series, Nenshi agreed to sing Let It Go from the hit Disney musical Frozen while wearing a Ducks jersey, should the hockey team with the Disney-themed name emerge victorious.

So, when Corey Perry scored in overtime Sunday night to lift the Ducks to a 4-1 series win over the Flames, Nenshi's heart sank into his stomach.

"I'm a reasonably fearless



The one thing I'm absolutely terrified of is singing in public. So wish me luck.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi

guy," the mayor said Monday, noting he's comfortable speaking to large crowds and enjoys high-risk activities like cliff diving and whitewater rafting.

"But the one thing I'm absolutely terrified of is singing in public," Nenshi said. "So,

wish me luck."

Nenshi wore a Flames jersey under his jacket during Monday's council meeting, and thanked the team for "the most exciting, breathtaking season."

"I love this team," he said. "I know there's going to be great things in the future for this team."

Nenshi also thanked city police and roads crew for keeping things orderly on the Red Mile after Flames games.

"And thank you to all Californians who made sure that all their celebrations were safe and respectful," the mayor said.

EDMONTON

Mermaid fins banned from pools

Edmonton kids won't get to experience an "under the sea" moment — at least not at a public pool any time soon — after the city banned increasingly popular mermaid fins at all of its public facilities.

Edmonton's aquatic strategies supervisor Rob Campbell said the city made the decision to ban the aquatic toy after nearly two months of researching potential problems.

"We started hearing rumours of them about three months ago," he said.

The fins, constructed from fabric that goes over both legs and ends in a wide fin, were deemed a safety risk because they restrict a swimmer's ability to move their legs separately.

"An inability for a swimmer to support themselves in the water can make it dangerous as they may grab onto another swimmer near them for assistance," Campbell said.

He said another concern is the target market for the mermaid fins.

"It targets kids around the ages of eight to 12 and they tend to not be the strongest swimmers," he added.

A third issue identified through research is that the toy encourages swimmers to hold their breathe and swim underwater.

"The type of swimming involved using the tail is underwater like the fictional mermaid and this type of swimming promotes breath holding which can result in blackouts."

Monofins — a fin that holds both feet — are also not allowed in Edmonton pools.

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People clear the debris caused by an earthquake in Sakhu, on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal, on April 29. Sakhu is where the side streets are choked with chest-high hills of bricks, concrete and wood after a massive earthquake hit Nepal on April 25. BERNAT AMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Working together to help Nepal

EARTHQUAKE

Calgarian to create benefit event for quake ravaged region



Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary community continues to rally together to support those scrambling to recover from the devastation in Nepal after the earthquake in Kathmandu.

Organizer Cory Vo said he wanted to create a community event in order to fundraise for children in need in Nepal.

Vo hosted a similar event in 2013 after the typhoon in the Philippines, adding that it's important to support communities in distress if you have the means to do so.

"I have resources to create these fundraisers," Vo said. "For myself, I have a two-year-old and we just feel so blessed to live in this country. It's so tough after a natural disaster ... things take years to recover."

Vo said often after events like this happen in another country, it can be easy to forget what happened and move on to the next thing.

"This event killed more than 10,000 people," Vo said. "Yes we had a lot of support and donations coming in, but in terms of how we pay attention to these things it's almost negligible. They're far off in their own land and we don't think about them."

In terms of how we pay attention to these things it's almost negligible.

Cory Vo

open market are a few of the festivities going on throughout the day, and all funds raised will be donated to the Save the Children charity in Nepal.

HOUSING

Council delays secondary-suite decision



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Faced with a barrage of 11 secondary suites to individually deal with on Monday (10 of which were approved), city council opted to put off a larger decision until Tuesday afternoon on broadly legalizing the controversial dwellings across a large swath of the inner city.

Supporters of a proposed new bylaw that would legalize secondary suites in Wards 7, 8, 9 and 11, however, seemed well aware that their council colleagues might reject the measure, and several said they would welcome the new NDP government stepping in to mandate a city-wide change.

"I think it's the responsible thing to do so I would be a supporter of any order of government exercising their legislative

authority in any way they can to make secondary suites a legal part of the mix in Calgary," said Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who often finds himself at odds with the Alberta government when it intervenes in municipal affairs, said he wouldn't be opposed to a provincial mandate on secondary suites.

"I like it when they give me money or do things I want," the mayor said, tongue planted

partially in cheek.

"But, quite seriously, I'm not saying whether I'd support it or not. I'm just saying if they were to do it, we'd be ready."

Coun. Joe Magliocca was strongly opposed to the idea of the province getting involved in Calgary's secondary-suites controversy.

"That's crazy," he said of the mere suggestion. "I think they've got better things to worry about."

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POLITICS

A history of trouble at press gallery dinners

Alcohol, politics, risqué jokes and sometimes even real news — it's all been on the menu for the parliamentary press gallery dinner since at least the 1870s.

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May finds herself in interesting company as one of the revellers over the years whose remarks have grabbed headlines.

May apologized for her remarks at Saturday night's dinner, which closed with her saying that convicted terrorist Omar Khadr had "more class than the whole f—ing cabinet."

A stunned crowd watched as a shoeless Transport Minister Lisa Raitt coaxed May offstage. But as far as news goes, May pales in comparison to other incidents in the gallery annals. A few events at gallery dinners marked watershed in Canadian politics.

The origins of the dinner date back to the early 1870s. A Toronto Evening Star story recounts how in the 1880s the former mayor of Ottawa Charles Mackintosh, once the gallery president, showed up in full regalia, including a ceremonial ball and chain.

"The dinner committee held a hurried consultation and decided that the ball and chain was too reminiscent of slave-driving," reads the article. "So Mr. Mackintosh was gently but firmly escorted outside."

Charles Lynch, the late political columnist, recalled in his autobiography the dinner of 1948, when then-prime minister William Lyon Mackenzie King made a startling announcement in the presence of then-governor general Viscount Alexander and the full gallery.

"Willie rose to his feet — and announced his retirement. to the great consternation of his listeners, all of whom were deeply into the sauce and unprepared for a news development of these proportions," Lynch wrote.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau attended the dinners with little joy and began snubbing them in 1981. In 1984, he claimed in the Commons to have been misquoted in a story and said, "It's another reason I don't want to go to the God damn press gallery dinner." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Transport Minister Lisa Raitt prompts Green Party Leader Elizabeth May to leave the stage at the Parliamentary National Press Gallery on Saturday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'I bumped up against a moment in history'

PARLIAMENT SHOOTING

Vickers recalls anguish he felt after killing Zehaf Bibeau

Just days after the attack on Parliament Hill, former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers remembered the gunman not for his evil but for his innate human dignity.

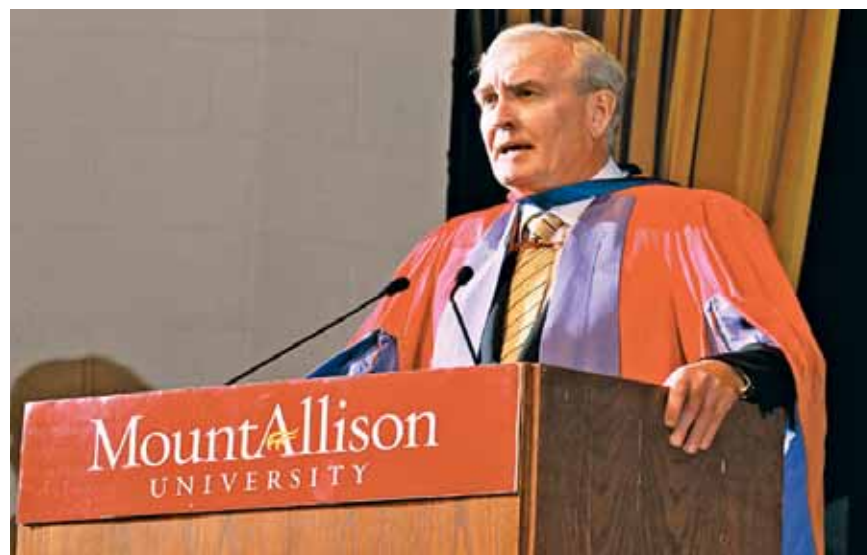
"With my grandchildren in my arms, I said a prayer for Michael," he told the crowd of graduating students at Mount Allison University on Monday after receiving an honorary degree.

Vickers became an international hero after shooting and killing the gunman, Michael Zehaf Bibeau, but he told the students of the anguish he felt over taking a life.

Vickers, who is now the ambassador to Ireland, recounted how he came face-to-face with Zehaf Bibeau after the gunman had shot and killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and rampaged through the halls of Parliament.

He said Zehaf Bibeau's gun was so close to him, he thought he could just snatch it out of his hand — but Zehaf Bibeau fired. Vickers, who had served in the RCMP for almost 30 years, reacted instinctively, diving to the floor and firing his own handgun, killing Zehaf Bibeau.

"I bumped up against a



Honorary degree recipient Kevin Vickers addresses convocation at Mount Allison University on Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

moment in history," he said.

But Vickers said that getting to that moment took more than half a century. Growing up in what is now Miramichi, New Brunswick, Vickers felt called to the RCMP when he was in Grade 2.

"One day ... I saw three members of the RCMP coming out of the courthouse with their red surge. And I knew exactly what I was going to do with my life,"

“That day was a blur to me.... It was the loneliest moment of my life.”

Former sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers talks about the shooting on the Hill

he said. On the force, Vickers helped obtain 17 murder

confessions. He attributed his success to his father, who taught him to respect all people, no matter their sins.

Although Vickers said he had only ever imagined himself as a police officer, he joined the security force at the House of Commons in 2005 after he saw the role the Hill played in the lives of not just parliamentarians, but everyday Canadians.

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Spy agencies fight online bullying

INTELLIGENCE

Five Eyes allies held meeting in Ottawa

Canada has formed an international working group with its Five Eyes intelligence allies in an attempt to combat the cross-border threats posed by cyberbullying, Justice Minister Peter MacKay revealed Monday.

MacKay said Canada hosted a meeting of the Five Eyes intelligence-sharing community — which includes the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand — in the last two weeks.

The minister said a working group has been established that will produce a report on how to combat threats posed by international online predators who target young people.

"We just recently hosted, in the last 10 days, a meeting here in Ottawa specific to that question of how we do a better job of sharing our efforts, sharing our information," MacKay said.

"The working group is from the Five Eyes."

Canada's new cyberbullying law went on the books late last year, giving police more online surveillance powers. MacKay said more needs to be done to deal with the

fact that online predators can strike at young people from foreign countries.

One tragic example was a criminal case that came to an end last fall when a former Minnesota nurse was sentenced to three years in prison after using the Internet to persuade an 18-year-old Canadian woman and a 32-year-old English man to commit suicide.

William Melchert-Dinkel, 52, was convicted of attempting to assist suicide in the deaths of Nadia Kajouji, of Brampton, Ont., and Mark Drybrough, of Coventry, England.

"The way in which we've crafted our laws, we've been very open about sharing that with other countries, and some countries, similarly, have come back to us with their examples of how they're improving the tracking of online criminality," MacKay said.

He refused to give specifics but hinted that the work of the group might lead to further legislative changes to protect children.

MacKay said Canada's representation on the Five Eyes working group includes several Justice department experts "who are very proficient in the area of online criminality" and who were integral in the drafting of the recent cyberbullying bill.

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TERRORISM

ISIL threat real, but exaggerated: Report

An independent report on Canada's war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) says the extremist threat is real, but perhaps exaggerated, while the Harper government ignores other important political concerns.

An analysis by the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute released Monday says the violence being meted out by extremists is just the latest expression of

Sunni alienation in Iraq and is rooted in a philosophy to which few Canadians can relate.

"The threat to homeland security, first, is real, but it should not be overstated," said Thomas Juneau, an assistant professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa.

Canada's endorsement of airstrikes and the training of

local security forces will not be enough to defeat the Islamic State, and a more long-term vision needs to be developed, he added.

"Ottawa has not clearly articulated its views on a long-term strategy to defeat (Islamic State), though officials have made a number of statements suggesting that Canada broadly endorses the U.S. strategy," the report said. "Canada has endorsed the

premise that airstrikes will not be sufficient to defeat (Islamic State), but are necessary as a first and critical phase to stop its expansion and weaken it."

The Harper government has not been clear about its policy towards reconciliation of the Shiite and Sunni Muslim sects in Iraq and has little influence in Baghdad without an embassy there, Juneau wrote.

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BIN LADEN CAPTURE Journalist's report alleges U.S. coverup

A controversial report suggests many details of the death of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden were actually fabricated by the U.S. government. It's written by a legendary journalist who exposed atrocities during the Vietnam War and revealed prisoner abuse after the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

But this time Seymour Hersh got it wrong, his critics say.

"I can tell you that the Obama White House is not the only one to observe that the story is riddled with inaccuracies and outright falsehoods," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

The 10,000-word piece wasn't published in The New Yorker, the best-known venue for Hersh's exposés, but appeared over the weekend on the website for the London Review of Books.

According to the piece, The Killing of Osama bin Laden, the real story involves a deal between the U.S. and Pakistan to quietly kill bin Laden and then claim a few days later that he'd died in a drone strike in Afghanistan.

But the deal fell apart, it said, when one of the helicopters crashed during the mission. Hersh said the Obama admin-

istration, much to the horror of the Pakistani government, improvised an explanation of what happened on May 2, 2011.

Those allegedly false details include: the courier whose movements led the CIA to the terrorist's compound. The vaccination doctor who collected bin Laden's DNA to help confirm the identity of the body. The clandestine flight into Pakistan. The burial of bin Laden's body at sea. The firefight at the compound. The Pakistani anger at the violation of its airspace.

Hersh had as his main source a retired U.S. intelligence official he described as being "knowledgeable about the initial intelligence."

The truth, according to Hersh, was that bin Laden had been a Pakistani prisoner since 2006. The terrorist leader was sickly and barely mobile. Word of his location leaked to the U.S. from Pakistani informants, and once caught, Pakistan grudgingly participated in the raid. The operation was more like an execution, not a firefight. He said the compound was unprotected and did not contain valuable counter-terrorism evidence as claimed by the U.S.

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SEVERE WEATHER TORNADOES KILL AT LEAST FIVE IN TEXAS AND ARKANSAS Residents survey damage caused by severe weather near an elementary school on Monday in Van, Texas. Emergency responders searched through wreckage in parts of Texas and Arkansas after a line of tornadoes battered several small communities, killing at least five people, including a young couple whose daughter survived. TODD YATES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1,600 migrant 'boat people' reach safety

SOUTHEAST ASIA

About 6,000 Bangladeshi, Rohingya still stranded at sea

Hundreds of migrants abandoned at sea by smugglers in Southeast Asia have reached land and relative safety in the past two days, but an estimated 6,000 Bangladeshi and Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar remain trapped in crowded wooden boats, migrant officials and activists said Monday. With food and clean water running low, some could be in grave danger.

Worried that vessels will start washing to shore with dead bodies, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the United States and several other foreign governments and international organizations held emergency meetings in recent days, but participants say there are no immediate plans to search for vessels in the busy Malacca Strait waterways.

One of the problems was determining what to do with the Rohingya if a rescue was launched, participants said on condition they not be named.

Seven boats were rescued Sunday after human traffickers abandoned the ships and left passengers to fend for themselves, officials said. Nearly 600 migrants

were brought to shore in western Indonesia and just over a thousand others to Malaysia's Langkawi island.

The Rohingya, who are Muslim, have for decades suffered from state-sanctioned discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, which considers them illegal settlers from Bangladesh even though many of their families arrived generations ago.

Attacks on members of the religious minority, numbering at around 1.3 million, have in the last three years left up to 280 people dead and forced 140,000 others from their homes. They now live under apartheid-like conditions in crowded camps just outside the Rakhine state

+ TWO MONTHS

Chris Lewa, director of the non-profit Arakan Project, believes some of the still-unaccounted-for Rohingya and Bangladeshis have been at sea for over two months.

capital, Sittwe, where they have little access to school or adequate health care.

Rohingya packing into ships in the Bay of Bengal have been joined in growing numbers by Bangladeshis fleeing poverty and hoping to find a better life elsewhere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORIDA Zimmerman involved in shooting incident

The man who called 911 to report he was involved in a shooting with George Zimmerman appears to be the same person involved in a road-rage incident with the former neighbourhood watch volunteer last year.

Lake Mary Police Officer Bianca Gillett said during a news conference Monday that Matthew Apperson called 911 to report the shooting. She said Zimmerman, who was acquit-

ted in the killing of Trayvon Martin, was not the shooter.

A bullet missed Zimmerman's head and he wasn't seriously hurt, his attorney said.

Last September, Apperson said Zimmerman threatened to kill him, asking, "Do you know who I am?" during a confrontation in their vehicles. Apperson decided not to pursue charges.

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British Prime Minister David Cameron walks away after delivering a reading on Sunday during a service to mark the World War II 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) at Westminster Abbey in London. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Majority government narrow

UNITED KINGDOM

Cameron faces resistance in his party over EU, Scotland

U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives may have won the British election and ushered their coalition partner out the door, but that doesn't mean it's all smooth sailing for his government for the next five years.

With influential Euroskeptics clamouring in his own party and a very slim majority in Parliament, Cameron will have a hard time tackling the big headaches looming over his second term: Britain's membership in the 28-nation European Union and the growing movement for Scottish independence.

"He would like to be seen as leading a governing party which is united on a core issue at the centre of the political debate, but that's unlikely to happen," said Colin Hay, a British politics professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies. "It's going to be

really tough."

Cameron's Conservatives won an unexpected majority in last week's election, ensuring that he returns to 10 Downing Street with enough power to govern alone. His first term saw Cameron sharing power with the left-of-centre Liberal Democrats, who held key positions in a sometimes-awkward coalition government.

Within hours of declaring victory Friday, Cameron re-appointed his four highest-ranking ministers — those heading defence, the Treasury, home and foreign affairs — to their posts. No big surprises are expected when the rest of the new, all-Tory Cabinet is unveiled this week.

The Conservatives now have a tiny majority — holding just over half of the House of Commons' 650 seats — meaning that a dozen defiant Tories could potentially derail important policies.

Without their Lib Dem coalition partners, the Conservatives face a return of the unpleasant nickname they've long tried to shake: "The Nasty Party."

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GERMANY

Spy agency under fire over U.S. co-operation

Germany's top security official denied any wrongdoing after appearing Thursday before a parliamentary committee over allegations that the country's spy agency acted against national interests in its co-operation with U.S. counterparts.

The government has faced scrutiny over what the chancellor knew, and when, of the Federal Intelligence Service's activities since a report last month suggested it may have helped the

U.S. spy on European companies and officials as long ago as 2008. It issued a tightlipped statement acknowledging "shortcomings" at the agency, known by its German acronym BND.

The agency is overseen by the chancellor's chief of staff — a post current Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere held from 2005 to 2009. De Maiziere and incumbent Peter Altmaier both were to testify behind closed doors Wednesday to the parlia-

mentary panel overseeing intelligence services.

German weekly Der Spiegel has reported that the BND for years monitored telecoms traffic using filters provided by the U.S. National Security Agency, and that by 2008 German intelligence agents discovered that some of the filters — known as selectors — related to European arms companies and French authorities.

De Maiziere told reporters

after his testimony that he didn't hear anything in 2008 of "search terms from the U.S. side, selectors or similar for the purpose of economic espionage in Germany." He said there was no talk of company names either.

The latest affair has raised awkward questions for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who said following reports in 2013 that the NSA spied on her cell-phone that spying on friends is unacceptable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Bill fails unpaid interns: NDP

FEDERAL BUDGET

Protections put forward fall woefully short, MP says

Measures announced in last month's budget to protect unpaid interns have turned out to be far less potent than advertised, New Democrats charge.

Details of the measures were spelled out in an omnibus budget implementation bill tabled last Friday and NDP MP Andrew Cash said he was disappointed to find the Harper government is doing nothing to protect interns from sexual harassment, being forced to work unlimited hours or being otherwise exploited as unpaid labour.

Cash had co-sponsored a private member's bill, which was subsequently defeated, that would have given unpaid interns the same protections

as other workers in federally regulated industries, such as television, telecommunications and financial institutions.

The government is proposing to amend the labour code to include occupational health and safety protection for unpaid interns, such as the right to refuse to do unsafe work. It also proposes to require employers to keep records of the number of hours worked by interns and to limit full-time internships to four months in duration, although Cash said nothing prevents them from being renewed.

While that's "a step forward," Cash said the government is doing nothing to ensure provisions on workplace standards apply to interns — the provisions that provide protection from harassment, long hours with no days off and other exploitation.

Nor, he discovered, is the government requiring unpaid internships to be managed by educational institutions. That's

“They fell woefully short ... and I want to highlight the issue of sexual harassment ... because that is part of workplace standards that is not in this bill.”

NDP MP Andrew Cash

a measure he had included in his private member's bill and which he deems critical to ensuring that internships provide practical experience to young people and don't simply give companies an opportunity to replace full-time entry level jobs with free labour.

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MORE IN METROVIEWS



TECHNOLOGY SMART MIRRORS HELPING CUSTOMERS Sales manager Alysa Stefani, right, demonstrates the Memory Mirror for co-worker Porsche Colbert at the Neiman Marcus store in San Francisco. The mirror is outfitted with sensors, setting off motion-triggered changes of clothing. The mirror also doubles as a video camera, capturing a 360 degree view of what an outfit looks like and making side-by-side comparisons. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accidents dog self-driving cars

Google Inc. revealed Monday that its self-driving cars have been in 11 minor traffic accidents since it began experimenting with the technology six years ago.

The company released the

number after The Associated Press reported that Google had notified California of three collisions involving its self-driving cars since September, when reporting all accidents became a legal requirement.

The director of Google's self-driving car project wrote in a web post that all 11 accidents were minor — “light damage, no injuries” — and happened over 2.8 million kilometres of testing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

100 deaths now blamed on faulty GM car switches

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in small cars made by General Motors has reached 100.

The families of the victims are being offered compensation. In addition, GM has agreed to make offers to 184 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches in older-model cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt.

Through much of last year, the company had blamed the switches for 13 deaths.

The switches can slip out of the “on” position, causing the cars to stall, disabling some important safety features.

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STARBUCKS

Mini Frappuccinos soothe venti guilt

If a small Frappuccino seems like too much of an indulgence, Starbucks is now selling a more petite version of the sugary coffee drink.

The Seattle-based coffee chain says it will start selling a Mini Frappuccino starting Monday through July 6. The new size is just 10 ounces, compared with 12 ounces for the company's “tall” or small size.

Starbucks isn't the only chain trying to tempt people with more modest serving sizes. Sonic offers ice cream shakes in a “mini” size and recently ran a limited-time offer for mini hot dogs and mini fried chicken sandwiches. Coke has also been playing up its mini cans, which are 7.5 ounces, compared with 12 ounces for a regular can.

Katie Seawell, senior vice-president of category brand

management at Starbucks, said the Mini Frappuccino helped lift overall store sales in the select regions where it was tested last year. Without providing specifics, she said it attracted new customers and got existing customers to come back more frequently.

Seawell declined to say whether Starbucks plans to make the “mini” a permanent offering.

The calories in a Mini Frappuccino vary depending on the flavour.

For the regular coffee with no whipped cream, Starbucks says it'll have 120 calories and 24 grams of sugar. That's compared with 180 calories and 36 grams of sugar for a small (tall) and 240 calories and 50 grams of sugar for a medium (grande). A large (venti) Frappuccino has 350 calories and 69 grams of sugar.

Starbucks says the “mini” should cost about 20 to 30 cents US less than a small.

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Should interns get the same rights as employees?

NO: Make it easy for employers to offer opportunities

In the 2015 federal budget, the government promised to clarify the legality of unpaid internships in federally regulated industries. Last week's budget implementation bill states that workers must be paid unless the job is part of a school program. But there are exceptions. Interns needn't be paid at least minimum wage if the job is supervised, lasts less than four months, primarily benefits the intern (not the employer) and is neither a replacement for a paid position nor a condition of a job offer. Supporters say this system will allow employers to easily offer learning opportunities without worrying about running afoul of the law. Many young people entering competitive fields want the right to volunteer their time to gain experience and contacts that will open future doors.

YES: Interns deserve the same protections as workers

The proposed internship regulations don't go far enough, says NDP MP Andrew Cash. He argues the provisions do nothing to make sure all workplace standards apply to interns, including protection from sexual harassment and unreasonably long work hours with no days off. Cash's intern-protection bill, which was defeated last month, required all internships be managed by educational institutions. He says that's the only way to make internships provide practical experience, rather than just furnishing companies with an endless supply of free entry-level labour. And as anyone who has juggled an internship with a paid job can tell you, the benefits of unpaid experience primarily go to those who can afford to work for free.

Empathy — the key to transportation policy

YOUR RIDE

Kimberly Jones



This column is supposed to be about "how you get around town — be it by transit, bike, car or foot."

I realized I've been neglecting a particular portion of that. I have written very little about cars and driving, yet thousands of you drive at some point each day.

There's a reason for this neglect: I don't drive. I never have and never will. It means I lack the perspective of someone who drives every day to get to work, or takes transit to work but hops into their car for errands or out-of-town trips on the weekends.

Still, driving is the primary mode of transportation for many Calgarians, whether by choice or neces-

sity, and drivers have unique perspectives and frustrations with how our city works for them. I needed to know that perspective.

A couple of weekends ago, my boyfriend rented a car. We decided to make the most of it by running a few errands that were much easier on four wheels. As he accelerated on Deerfoot, he exclaimed that driving, indeed, can be fun. I thought to myself, "I never really think about the joy of driving."

I asked friends on social media to tell me about driving. I had some varied responses, including someone who doesn't drive often but appreciates the opportunity to see different parts of the city, someone who enjoys driving except when stuck in congestion, someone who avoids the Deerfoot like the plague and, finally, someone who loves driving for

the speed, convenience and sheer joy of an open road.

There are reasons that automobile travel has risen to the prominence it now has (and why governments made the investments that made this possible). In large part, it's because driving allowed us to extend our daily travel reach. This provided us with a unique sense of freedom that we didn't have previously.

It must feel like the world is opening up to you when you first get your licence as a teen, and can finally get around the city by yourself.

Driving also allows for privacy that you most certainly don't get when travelling by transit. You can listen to loud music and even sing along without the annoyed stares of fellow travellers.

It makes sense that many people travel by car, and often enjoy doing it. Ultimately, a successful transpor-

tation system must be good for all the transportation options. That's why thinking about a mode of transportation that I don't use, and trying to understand the perspectives of people who do, can only help my analysis of transportation in Calgary.

I hope you will take my lead, and if you primarily drive or only ever bike, try to put yourself in the shoes of people who use other modes.

Thinking about things from another's perspective can be a powerful thing, and maybe doing so can bring us closer together in our thinking about how we invest in transportation in our city.

Kimberly Jones has lived in Calgary for 35 years. She is a transportation advocate, particularly interested in walking and public transit, and studies urban issues and planning.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

It sounds obvious, but feels wrong: Murder is part of being human

There is no simple answer to why people kill.

We often hear stories of slayings out of jealousy, revenge or anger — feelings we all have, and yet only 452 Canadians were accused of murder in 2013.

And though we fear strangers, nine in 10 murders occur between people who know each other. One-third happen within a family. When it comes to who is capable of killing, according to experts, the answer is all of us, depending on the situation.

Randy Janzen did not appear, to those who knew him, as a murderer.

And yet he's suspected in a triple homicide in B.C. last week. In a Facebook post, Janzen wrote that he shot his daughter in the head to cure her of her torturous migraines and then killed his wife and sister to spare them the pain of that act. He then killed himself, according to reports.

It appears from the scant information available that mental illness may have played a role in Janzen's actions, said Alasdair Goodwill, a psychologist and director of the Criminal Investigative Research and Analysis Group. But many people suffer from mental illnesses and do not kill.

Psychologists use complex risk assessments to predict who might kill, but the analysis isn't perfect.

According to Dr. John

Bradford, a forensic psychiatrist and professor at various Canadian universities, killing is a matter of "the right circumstances."

Randy Janzen did not appear, to those who knew him, as a murderer.

It sounds obvious, but feels wrong: murder, it seems, is part of being human.

The study of homicides is full of categories and correlations. There is a subsection called familicide, which can include an altruistic belief by a parent that they are helping their children by killing them.

We know that most serial killers are white, Bradford said, but we don't know why: it's part of the "interesting little shades of grey with homicide."

Even these experts have wondered about their own ability to kill, something Goodwill called an "age-old question."

Bradford, who was once conscripted into military service, said that though he never had to shoot someone: "With the peer pressure, I would have been able to do it." In civilian life, however, he says, "I couldn't shoot a bird."

I have also wondered. But like most people, I haven't been tested. And I never want to find out what I'm capable of.

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Big redesign on campus

Entertainment districts, green roofs and pedestrian-friendly places to hang are just some of the ways universities are trying to woo students today **MEGAN HAYNES** LIFE@METRONEWS.CA

The University of Manitoba's streets are empty at night. Students attend classes at the Fort Garry campus during the day, but clear out shortly after, says Rejeanne Dupuis, the school's acting director of campus planning.

In her ideal world, they'd linger. She hopes to create a mixed-use, pedestrian- and transit-friendly community, open to students and the neighbouring residents on the recently purchased Southwood Golf course, adjacent to the Winnipeg-based school. In her plan, students would get their groceries at the on-campus grocery store, where they'd mingle with the professors who live nearby. They could go clothes shopping or see the latest Marvel flick in the entertainment district, or possibly get a part-time job at one of the small businesses set up under the residence hall.

Campus, she says, would be a bustling centre 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The University of Manitoba's ambitious master plan — the document meant to inform future development — is designed to create a community. And it marks a trend at schools across the country trying to make their campuses a more inviting place in order to woo prospective students, because university executives are realizing not all learning happens in a classroom.

"Universities want to attract the best and brightest students and staff," says Nicole Taddune, associate at PFS Studio, who worked on the Vancouver-based University of British Columbia's master plan. People want to go somewhere that's inspiring, that they can get attached to. (Schools) are starting to see it's not just about buildings, but all the spaces in between that tie the

university together."

Courtyards where students can hang out or even take classes, farmers' markets and social activities, cafes to study, pedestrian-friendly green spaces that are easy on the eyes — that all factors in when students look for schools now, she adds.

Over at the University of Ottawa, creating a student epicentre was a key aspect of the new master plan, which was unveiled in March. Eric Turcotte, principal at Toronto-based Urban Strategies, the firm behind the plan, points to a new university square, which will replace an existing parking lot. The square, expected to open in the fall, will host future convocations, not to mention frosh weeks and other social activities, and is designed to be a place students want to hang out.

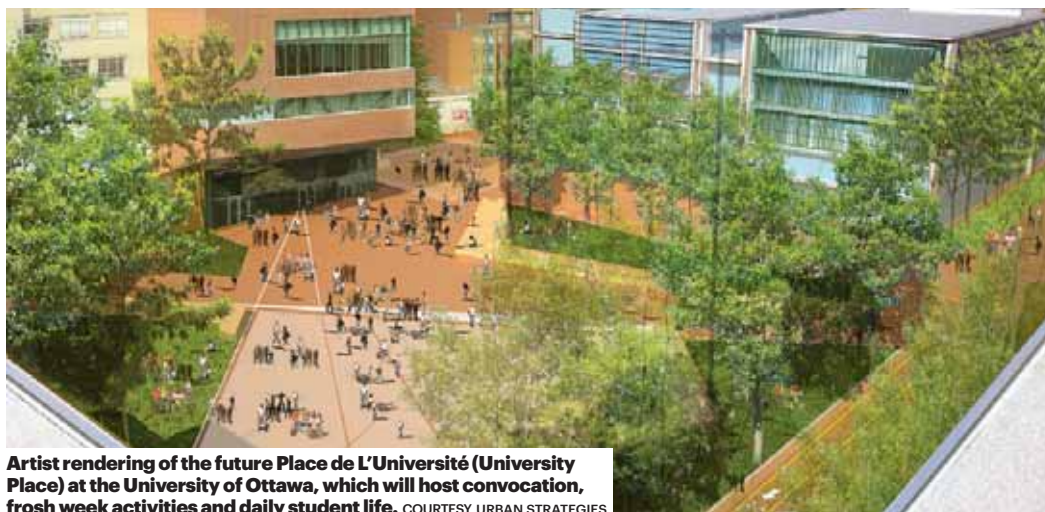
University growth has traditionally focused on simply accommodating the influx of new students, constructing buildings on an ad hoc basis rather than focusing on what makes a campus a place that's unified, Turcotte adds. But that's changing.

Back at the University of Manitoba, the proposed community plans are still in their early stages, going before the university board at the end of the year, before going before the city for approval in 2016. The redesign was built off of the feedback of thousands of people from the school and surrounding neighbourhood.

"It's about long-term sustainability for the campus," Dupuis says. "Ultimately it supports students because it's a good place to be. But it's (also) a community you can graduate into and live in other stages of your life."



Ryerson University's Student Learning Centre, which opened in February. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Artist rendering of the future Place de L'Université (University Place) at the University of Ottawa, which will host convocation, frosh week activities and daily student life. COURTESY URBAN STRATEGIES

+ HEAD OF THE CLASS

Highlights from master plans across the country:

University of Manitoba — The campus's own entertainment district, with a movie theatre and restaurants.

University of Alberta — A proposed open-air market for food and retail vendors.

University of British Columbia — Students might be able to take classes or do labs in the proposed biosciences open-air courtyard, set to begin construction in 2016.

University of Ottawa — The university learning centre, expected in 2018, will be located steps from the incoming LRT station.

Ryerson University — The Church Street development, expected to be finished by 2018, will sit at the heart of the "garden district," and be complete with a small park-in-the-sky green roof.



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ON THE BUS

Young rider suffers boomer lady backlash

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen, I'm 26, have been living in Canada for two years, and I take the crowded bus to work every morning. I have been raised to respect my elders, and so last week I offered my seat to an older woman standing near me. She looked at me with hatred, shook her head and said, "Seriously?"

What does this mean, Ellen? — Pressi

Dear Pressi, First of all, rest assured that you have done nothing wrong. Your manners are impeccable and you did the right thing by offering your seat to an older person.

The problem is that the "older person" you are deal-

ing with is probably a middle-aged Canadian boomer lady (M-ACBL) who does not wish it to be publicly known that she is an M-ACBL — even though it is obvious to everyone else around her.

Yes, it's confusing — because she herself is confused. Not because she is old and senile (though we can't entirely discount that possibility), but because she is bewildered by the fact she is not young anymore. This was not part of the

bunch of kindly elephants who know how to treat their female elders! Alas, we are instead forced to ride public transit to jobs where we make less than men, and where young people — people like you, with your keen eyesight and strong young limbs — will always clearly see the (shudder) normal ageing process as it takes place in all of us.

Hang on, I'm getting a little confused myself here... Where was I?

The 'older person' you are dealing with is probably a middle-aged Canadian boomer lady (M-ACBL) who does not wish it to be publicly known that she is an M-ACBL — even though it is obvious to everyone else around her.



boomer bargain! The M-ACBL was brought up on the mantra "Don't trust anyone over 30" and now she herself has suddenly become the enemy — a well-over-30 person in a youth-and-beauty-obsessed culture.

If only we ladies at a "certain age" could move in with a

The thing is, Pressi, I applaud your good manners, and beg you never to stop respecting the elderly, no matter how mean and cantankerous they act around you. I, for one, would be honoured to take a load off the next time anyone offers me a seat.

INTIMACY

More sex not always great

We've been told by research, self-help books and the media that having lots of sex will make us happy, yet a new study at Carnegie Mellon University in the U.S. suggests upping your sexual activity could in some cases lead to frustration.

Simply increasing the frequency of sex with your partner is not the recipe for eternal afterglow, according to the study, which found that individuals need genuine inspiration on their own accord to initiate more sex and reap the benefits.

"If we ran the study again ... we would try to encourage subjects into initiating more sex in ways that put them in a sexy frame of mind," says George Loewenstein of Carnegie Mellon. AFP



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WELL-BEING

App helps you find your therapist match

Now that more and more healthcare services are available at the click of a mouse, IMB's Watson supercomputer is taking things one step further, now bringing its skills to an app that matches individuals to the therapist that's right for them.

Prospective patients chat anonymously in the app called Talkspace and reach a network of over 200 licensed therapists specializing in a variety of problems ranging from depression, anxiety and stress to relationships and parenting struggles.

For \$25 per week, users can exchange text messages with the therapist with whom they've been matched, and half-hour video chat sessions are available for \$29.

The service also includes couples therapy.

In addition to the personalized services, Talkspace also offers 141 free forums each led by a therapist where users can talk anonymously.

So far, the forum boasts of 105,319 users and has logged 2,024,052 posts.

Representatives from Talk-



Talkspace app. CONTRIBUTED

space say on their website that they believe online therapy really is effective if done by qualified individuals, as research suggests, yet they don't consider it a substitute for offline therapy.

"Rather, we create a doorway for dealing with real life issues that may be an element in our lives, but may not necessarily require full clinical psychiatric process," they write. AFP

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Catherine Roberts
For Metro

Tiger Woods may have made it fashionable for the current crop of PGA Tour pros to hit the gym or to bring their personal trainers on the road, but long before Woods, older pros like Gary Player, the three-time Masters champion from South Africa, have been urging people to enjoy the great health benefits of golf.

"Golfers playing an 18-hole course can burn around 2,300 calories by walking and carrying their bag," says Stuart Kidon, the golf professional at Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course in Alberta.

With a round of golf you are getting a good walk and a low-intensity exercise that get the heart pumping. Not to mention increased flexibility, improved core strength, and stronger bicep and tricep muscles.

Yet, for many like Jason Porter, the director of golf and the head PGA professional at the Algonquin Resort in New Brunswick, one of the biggest health benefits of playing golf is that it can reduce stress.

"Being in the wilderness or near a seaside, where you can be with friends who share your love of the game is a great way to forget your troubles," says Porter, who has been a PGA golf pro for 24 years.

To reduce the risk of injury, warm up 10 to 15 minutes before your round, including stretching the shoulders, back, hips, and calves.

And when stopping after nine holes, Porter suggests ditching pop and high-fat foods in favour of fruits, such as a banana, or a granola bar to keep your energy up.



Golfers playing an 18-hole course can burn about 2,300 calories by walking and carrying their bags. A round of golf can also help you increase your flexibility. SHUTTERSTOCK



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Green gems

With more than 2,000 golf facilities to choose from, Canada has its share of must-play courses.

Here are some of the country's top 18-hole courses.

Twin Rivers Golf Course is located two hours from St. John's. The 6,546-yard course skirts the Atlantic Ocean, winds through a forest and ends near a waterfall.

The Links at Crowbush Cove has been winning awards since it opened in 1994. This P.E.I. course has natural settings with incredible views of the ocean and dunes.

Highlands Links is a favourite among golfers from around the world. Located in the centre of Cape Breton Highlands National Park, each hole pays homage to the game's Scottish roots with names such as Heich O'Fash or Heap of Trouble.

Algonquin Golf Course was originally constructed in 1894, but the 7,000-yard, par-72 New Brunswick course received a makeover in 2000 by renowned course architect Thomas McBroom. It offers a challenging game and fantastic ocean views.

Royal Montreal's Blue Course is a venue favourite for many



Banff Springs Golf Club. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE



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Algonquin Golf Course. CONTRIBUTED

amateur and professional tournaments. It is one of only 66 true Royal designated clubs in the world.

St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto was designed by legendary golf course architect Stanley Thompson in 1929, and is still earning rave reviews. It ranked No. 30 of the world's 100 greatest golf courses in 2014.

Elmhurst Golf and Country Club is considered Manitoba's most playable course as it has naturally draining land.

Dakota Dunes Golf Links is located in the historical White-

cap Dakota First Nations lands in Saskatchewan and is laid out through natural sand dune formations.

Banff Springs Golf Club offers one-of-a-kind views as it winds along Alberta's Bow River under the snow-capped peaks of Sulphur Mountain and Mount Rundle.

Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club overlooks the mouth of the Fraser River and Strait of Georgia. It's a well-treed parkland style course with more than 150 species of trees.

CATHERINE ROBERTS

GMs doing their due diligence ahead of draft

CFL
Winnipeg has No. 2 pick, one of three top-15 picks Tuesday

Kyle Walters is a popular person these days.

Winnipeg's general manager has the No. 2 pick in the CFL draft Tuesday night and three selections in the top 15 of a very deep talent pool. That's good news as Walters retools a Blue Bombers squad that missed the playoffs with a 7-11 record last year.

But it also means spending a lot of time on the phone with rival GMs looking to deal in order to move up in the draft.

"Things are hectic, the phone has been ringing off the hook," Walters said Monday. "There's

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BLUE CHIPS

Top prospects out of Canadian schools include offensive linemen Danny Groulx (Laval), Sukh Chungh (Calgary), Sean McEwen (Calgary), defensive lineman Daryl Waud (Western) and receivers Lemar Durant (Simon Fraser) and Nic Demski (Manitoba).

a big difference between making a trade offer and actually making a trade.

"There's a lot of offers and talk right now but nothing real serious."

The Ottawa Redblacks once again have the No. 1 pick but last year GM Marcel Desjardins dealt it and the rights to centre Marwan Hage to Calgary (which took Laval centre Pierre Laverту at No. 1) for all-star centre Jon Gott. Desjardins also sent quarterback Kevin Glenn to the B.C. Lions for the No. 5 spot, then made another deal with Montreal to move up to No. 4 to take Montreal Carabins defensive back Antoine Pruneau.

Desjardins has said he anticipates holding on to the No. 1 pick Tuesday — to likely take an offensive lineman — with Walters expecting to follow. The Toronto Argonauts hold the No. 3 pick, followed by the Montreal Alouettes, B.C. Lions, Saskatchewan Roughriders, Edmonton Eskimos and Hamilton Tiger-Cats before the Grey Cup-champion Calgary Stampeders round out the opening round.

TSN will broadcast the first two rounds live, starting at 8 p.m. ET.

Vancouver's Christian Covington, a defensive end at Rice, sits atop the CFL scouting bureau's final top-20 prospects list. But Covington — the son of Canadian Football Hall of Famer Grover Covington — is expected



Danny Groulx is part of a draft pool that CFL GMs consider to be strong in depth. CFL.ca

to fall from the first round after being drafted by the NFL's Houston Texans.

So too are second-ranked prospect Brett Boyko, a Saskatoon-born offensive lineman from UNLV, and Yale running back Tyler Varga of Kitchener,

Ont., who finished at No. 4. They signed contracts with signing bonuses with the Philadelphia Eagles and Indianapolis Colts, respectively, as free agents.

Even with Covington, Boyko and Varga expected to fall, Barker said there's no shortage of

blue-chip prospects for clubs to consider with their early picks.

"I think the strength is the depth of it," he said. "I think you're going to see more guys in rounds two through four make teams this year."

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CRIME Hernandez charged for shooting man in face

Former New England Patriots player and convicted murderer Aaron Hernandez has been charged with trying to silence a witness in a double murder case against him by shooting him in the face and leaving him for dead, prosecutors said Monday.

Hernandez was indicted Friday by a grand jury in Boston on a charge of witness intimidation, according to the office of Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley. It's the latest criminal charge against the former star tight end, who once had a \$40-million contract with the Patriots.

Hernandez's lawyers didn't immediately return a message seeking comment on the new charge.

The 25-year-old was convicted last month of killing Odin Lloyd, who was dating his fiancée's sister, in June 2013. He also faces two counts of murder in Boston, where he is accused of gunning down two men in 2012 after one caused him to spill his drink at a nightclub.

The latest charge is connected to the Boston killings. The Suffolk County DA's office said the victim of the intimidation was a witness to those killings, which happened on July 16, 2012.

"Hernandez allegedly shot him in the face on the morning of Feb. 13, 2013, and left him to die on the side of the road in Riviera Beach, Fla., after the witness made a remark about the homicides," the office said in a news release.

The office did not identify the witness, but it is clear from several other court proceedings that it is Hernandez's former friend Alexander Bradley.

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Aaron Hernandez GETTY IMAGES

NHL PLAYOFFS Caps coach backs Ovi's guarantee

Alex Ovechkin certainly can talk the talk, from his "All series, baby" jab aimed at Henrik Lundqvist during Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal, to his assertion that the Washington Capitals will eliminate the New York Rangers in Game 7.

And Capitals coach Barry Trotz is absolutely fine with his captain's bravado.

"His whole career, he's said stuff," Trotz said Monday. "Every year, he says stuff that (is) bold — and he backs it up, usually."

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That's what leaders do.

Capitals coach Barry Trotz

After New York beat Washington 4-3 Sunday night to force a Game 7 at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, Ovechkin said: "We're going to come back and win this series."

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IN BRIEF

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The instant it happened it felt really good.

Ducks coach Bruce Boudreau, who has reached the third round of the playoffs for the first time

DEFLATEGATE NFL punishes Brady with four-game ban

The NFL came down hard on its biggest star and its championship team, telling Tom Brady and the Patriots that no one is allowed to mess with the rules of the game.

The league suspended the Super Bowl MVP Monday for the first four games of the season, fined the New England Patriots \$1 million and took away two draft picks — including next year's first-round selection — as punishment for deflating footballs used in the

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APPEAL

Brady has three days to appeal the suspension. His agent, Don Yee, said "the discipline is ridiculous and has no legitimate basis" and that Brady will appeal.

AFC title game.

The Patriots did not immediately comment on the punishments.

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RECIPE Orzo salad with grilled shrimp, asparagus and pesto



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If making your own pesto, try arugula to replace the basil for a different flavour.

Recipe serves 4

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 5-10 minutes

Ingredients

- 12 oz trimmed asparagus
- 12 oz shelled and deveined medium shrimp
- 1 1/3 cups orzo, uncooked (rice shaped pasta)
- 1/4 cup homemade or store-bought pesto
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Grill or roast asparagus and shrimp at 425F, just until asparagus is tender and bright green and shrimp is cooked. Cut asparagus into 2" pieces.

2. Meanwhile, bring a pot of water to a boil, add orzo and boil just until barely tender, about 8 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Add to serving bowl along with asparagus and shrimp. Add pesto, mix well and garnish with cheese.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 330
- Protein 23 g
- Carbohydrates 43 g
- Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 8 g
- Saturated fat 2.5 g

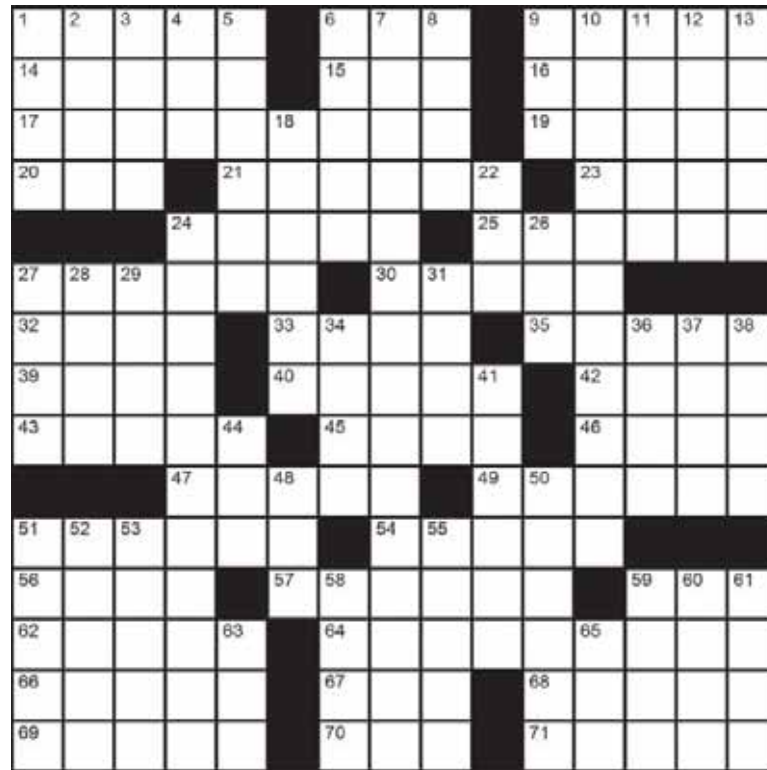
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Recorded
6. Author Mr. White, et al.
9. Mouthwash brand
14. Come to terms
15. Pecan, for one
16. ___ over (studied closely)
17. Princess ___ (newest member of the Royal Family)
19. Filling with wonderment
20. Pronounce
21. Jacob ___ - Meets the Hooded Fang (Mordecai Richler book)
23. "Stand by Me" by ___ King
24. Selkirk Mountains village in British Columbia
25. "Won't Get ___ Again" by The Who
27. Window shop
30. ___-gritty
32. Frost
33. Change
35. Beverage tube
39. ___-tongued
40. Ouches!
42. Sub ___ (Secretly)
43. "You dig?": 2 wds.
45. "The Bridge on the River ___" (1957)
46. Hurting
47. Scottish singer Ms. Boyle
49. Miss Duke's of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
51. Seal of approval



54. Soft ice cream design
56. Egg: French
57. Find a new spot for the painting
59. Pacific island, ___ Jima
62. Actor Sean, son of Patty Duke
64. Cowboy Junkies

- song: "___ Angel"
66. Hotsy-___
67. ___ "The A-Team" star
68. Fix the rough copy
69. Classical composer, Louis ___ (b.1784 - d.1859)
70. Hot season

- in Quebec
71. Spiffy shoe coverings

DOWN

1. Breath mints, tic
2. Ottoman Empire honorific
3. Hope the

- heavens will hear
4. 'Ballad' suffix
5. Ms. Burke's of "Signing Women"
6. Insects sci.
7. Type of top, ___-___
8. Goulash
9. Mineral ___
10. Highway 22 as it's

- also known in Alberta because of the ranchlands it traverses: 2 wds.
11. Window type
12. Short-tubed pasta
13. Bordered
18. Harry Potter: Hogwarts Castle bird hangout
22. ___-quoted
24. Chewy aqua-inspired candies produced in Hamilton, Ont.: 2 wds.
26. Periods beyond regular hrs.
27. Boast
28. Pasta alternative
29. Exclude
31. Dubuque's locale
34. "___! _ mouse!"
36. Mythical birds
37. Blonde hair hues, sometimes
38. Manners
41. Aluminum on a house
44. Wk. day
48. Crooked opposite, for short
50. Quarrels
51. Paint layers
52. Ancient teller of fables
53. ___ the chase
55. Garbage
58. Single-named supermodel
59. Cartoon lightbulb meaning
60. Departed
61. Un-evens
63. Big Apple hockey team [acronym]
65. Pixie

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20
You may be impatient to make things happen but the planets warn you must not move too fast. There is no need to rush: everything that is meant to happen will happen at the proper time. It's how you react to events that matters.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21
Mars leaves your sign today but that does not mean you can no longer be positive. In some areas you can be even more positive than usual. Money matters are doubly important now.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may not be in the mood for compromise but you should make the effort anyway. Even with Mars moving into your sign there will be some things that you can only do hand-in-hand with others.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will have to do something today that takes up a lot of your time but you know if you leave it to other people they will mess it up completely.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone will say something that hurts your feelings today but chances are they are motivated by nothing more than jealousy. What are they jealous of? Your popularity, your creativity, your energy — just about everything really.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you approach someone in a position of authority over the next 24 hours you are sure to get a positive response. They will give you what you need most — exceedingly good advice.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no point trying to relax now that Mars, planet of energy, is moving into your fellow air sign of Gemini. There are so many things you want to do and so many people and places you want to see. Go for it!

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It does not matter what you are promised or how much you are offered — you must wait a few days before making any new agreements.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not like a certain person very much but you are going to have to work with them and the sooner you accept that fact the sooner your business with each other will be finished.

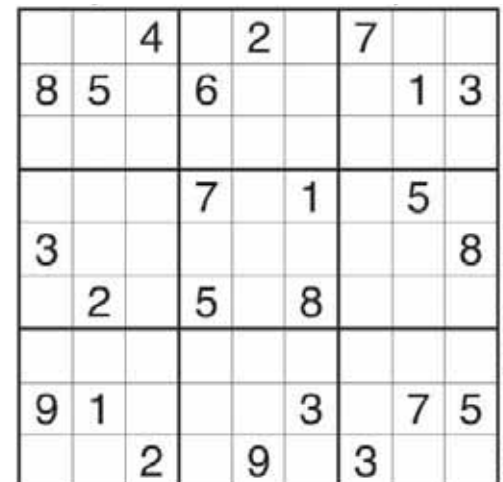
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be the life and soul of the party at the moment but don't let it worry you. The less time you spend talking and socializing the more time you will have to think.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
All things are possible now that Mars, planet of ambition, is moving through the most decisive area of your chart. Be selective in your endeavors.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Too often in the past you have tried to mold yourself to fit other people's expectations of you and sometimes the results have been less than pleasing. Be yourself today, and every day.

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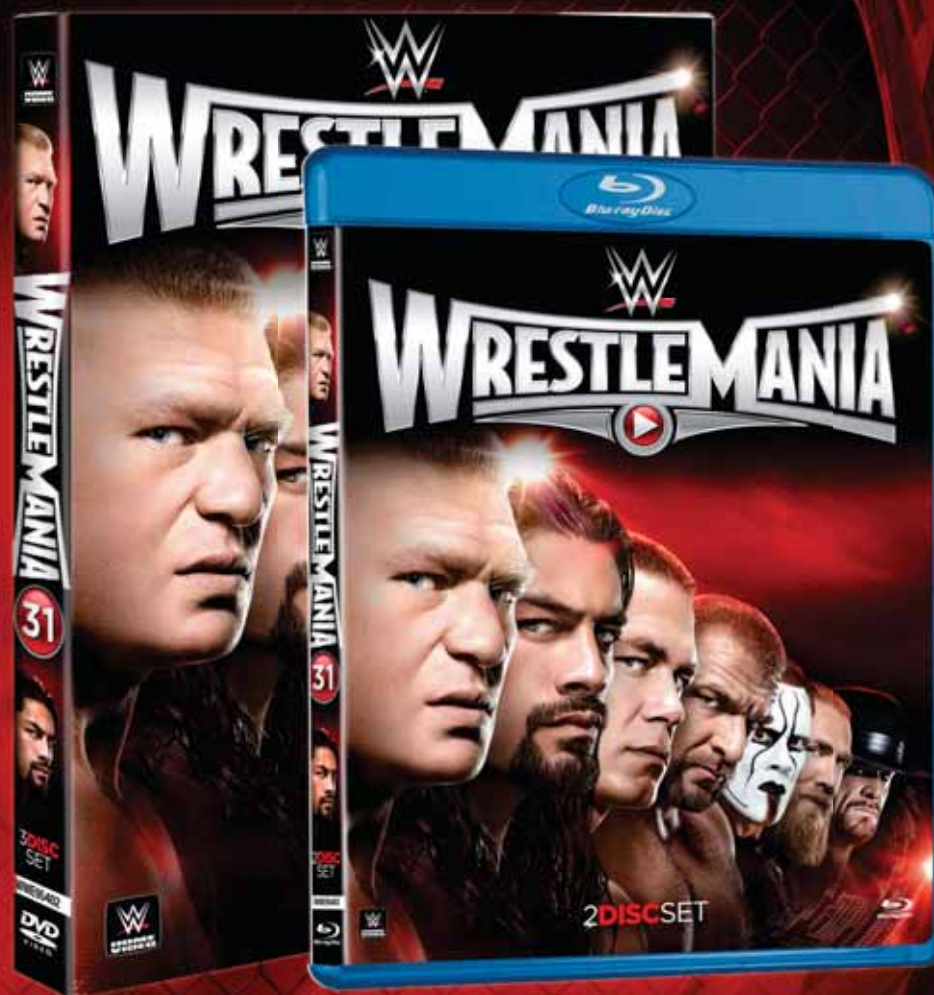
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